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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above reissue application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 33-80, as follows:

33. A biopsy forceps device having a proximal end and a distal end, the device comprising:

an end effector assembly at the distal end of the device, wherein the end effector assembly includes a first jaw and a second jaw, the first jaw being pivotally disposed about a pivotal axis and with respect to the second jaw;

an actuator at the proximal end of the device; and

a hollow portion connecting the end effector assembly and the actuator,

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